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Murder cracked using... sign language!

▶ Victim and two accused are hearing and speech impaired

▶ Body dumped in Kunigal well; AIISH deciphers sign language

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (PM&KS)- Nanjangud Rural Police have solved a complex murder case involving only hearing and speech impaired persons, demonstrating remarkable persistence during the investigation. All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in Mysuru helped the Police solve the case.

The crime was committed at Hosapura village in Kunigal taluk, Tumakuru district, where a man with speech and hearing impairment was murdered and his body dumped in a well. The deceased has been identified as Swamy of Devarammanahallipalya in Nanjangud Rural Police limits. The arrested accused are Srinivas (37) of Hanumapura village in Kunigal taluk of Tumakuru district and Gangadhar (23) of Amruthur village in Tumakuru district. Both the accused are also speech and hearing impaired.

On Mar. 4, Savitha, wife of Swamy, approached Nanjangud Rural Police and lodged a complaint stating that her husband had been missing since Feb. 12. Based on the complaint, the Police registered a case. During the probe, the Police learnt that both Savitha and Swamy were speech and hearing impaired. While examining their mobile phones, investigators noticed a few video calls, which raised suspicion.

(See MURDER CRACKED on page 10)

Lalitha Mahal Hotel up for 30-year lease

Tender floated to restore, operate and maintain the heritage Palace Hotel

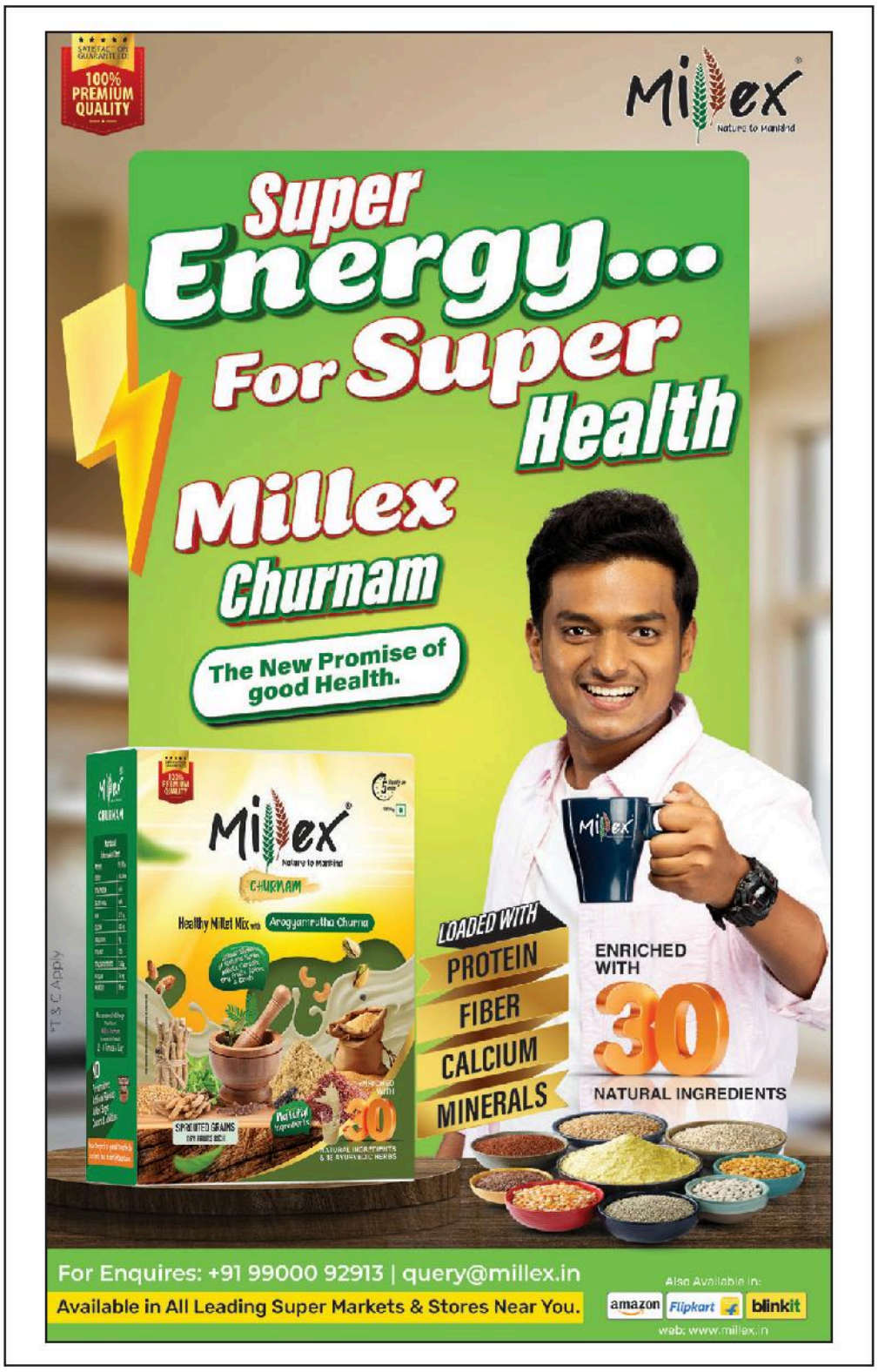
Mysuru, Apr. 9 (BLU&BCT)- The State Government has begun the process of leasing out the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel in Mysuru, built by the Mysore Maharajas, for renovation, maintenance and long-term operation.

The tender process is currently underway, with Apr. 30 fixed as the last date for submission of bids.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the tenders have been floated this year through the State's e-Procurement portal. Last year, though an announcement was made in March 2025 that global tenders would be invited, the process did not take off due to technical difficulties.

According to the latest tender notification, bidders must submit an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 25 lakh, while the tender value has been fixed at Rs. 3.76 crore. The hotel will be leased for a period of 30 years.

(See LALITHA MAHAL on page 6)



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 9th April 2026

State-level Mega Job Mela at MYCAS College tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 9 - MYCAS College is organising the 3rd consecutive State-level Mega Job Mela on Apr. 10 at their Metagalli campus in city between 9 am and 5 pm.

The Job Mela is hosting 43 companies coming from various sectors and some of the big brands have confirmed their participation. IT companies will also be recruiting suitable candidates at the Job Mela.

Interested graduate and post-graduate job aspirants coming from Commerce, Management, Science and Technology streams may contact Student Coordinators Uday on Mob: 98440-99514 or Vikram on Mob: 94838-67033 or Rayan on Mob: 97404-78649 for registrations, according to a press release from Dr. Tekkede Ramya, Principal, MYCAS UG College, Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REFLECTION, REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL: *A friend in the catering business, who specialises in a variety of non-vegetarian dishes, has a separate menu for those who do not eat meat during Lent.*

This sacred season of the Christian calendar is traditionally marked by austerity and abstinence, with favourite foods and pleasurable pastimes voluntarily kept in abeyance. My late father used to give up chocolate and ice cream, which he greatly relished. Every year, he would urge my brother and me to forgo films, but we invariably succumbed to temptation.

In 1977, we requested permission to watch a horror movie, on the evening after Good Friday. "It's about Satan," we said, hoping that this biblical being would lend a spiritual slant to profane pre-Easter entertainment. Our father was furious. "Devil, devilish" he sputtered, but we got our way and enjoyed The Omen.

Actually, while Lent seems synonymous with spartan self-denial, it has cheerful connotations. The word 'lent' stems from the old-English 'lencten' (of West Germanic origin) meaning spring and refers to the lengthening of days. In cold countries, the change in the weather is, quite literally, warmly welcomed. Shedding her shroud and basking in sunshine and showers, Mother Earth is arrayed in vibrant colours. We celebrate this rhythmic resurgence of nature at Holi, Ugadi, Nowruz and several other festivals including Easter: the exultant culmination of six weeks of sombre observances.

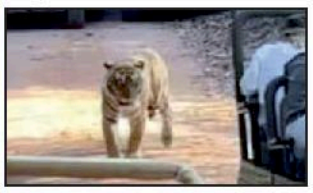
Sombre, since Lent is not just about buds and blossoms. It commemorates the 40-day fast of Jesus Christ in the wilderness and is the countdown to the suffering and death of the Lord. It is in reverent remembrance of these poignant events that people offer their own small symbolic sacrifices during this period of penitence.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me," pleads David, in the 51st psalm of the Bible. *Although this entreaty was made long before the dawn of Christianity, it is the perfect petition for Lent: a sincere acknowledgement of wrongdoing, followed by an impassioned appeal for grace and mercy.*

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation," is David's humble supplication, preceded by deep contrition. That is the prayer of everyone who views Lent as a time for reflection, repentance and renewal. — *Suryakumari Dennison in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Traffic Jam: Tiger looks for space in forest



Sawai Madhopur: A video from Ranthambore National Park, near the town of Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan, showing a tiger surrounded by several safari jeeps, has gone viral on social media. The clip, shared by Instagram user Monty Bhatt, captures the chaos as multiple vehicles crowd the tiger's path, leaving it with barely any space to move. The video shows tourists, both Indian and foreigners, clicking photos as the tiger stands still, seemingly stressed and looking for a space of its own.

The incident has sparked outrage and concerns about wildlife tourism management in national parks, with users calling for strict protocols.

"The Tiger looks more civilised and mature among all these humans around," one user wrote in the comment section. "The tiger seems to be facing a traffic jam in its own home," another user said.

Largest collection of 'Tomb Raider' games

London: A British woman showed her love of her favourite video game series by earning the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of Tomb Raider games.

Amy Dyson, whose world record coincides with the 30th anniversary of the first Tomb Raider game, owns 291 unique copies of the games in the franchise, including special editions, the same game for separate consoles and foreign-language releases.

Dyson took the record from Spanish collector Alejandro Cambronero Albaladejo, whose collection was tallied at 215 in 2017.

She said the video games help her deal with functional neurological disorder, which causes her to experience symptoms including brain fog, ticks, tremors and paralysis.

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Talk on 'The Physics of Life' at Science Sanje on Apr. 11

Dr. Vijaykumar

Mysuru, Apr. 9- As part of 'Science Sanje' event, Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada have organised a talk on 'The Physics of Life' by Dr. Vijaykumar Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor, International Centre for Theoretical Sciences of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru, at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar on Apr. 11 from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. The talk will be in Kannada.

Profile: Dr. Vijaykumar Krishnamurthy's area of research is Physical Biology and Soft Condensed Matter Physics. He is a Post Doctoral Fellow at Max Plank Institute, Germany and Yale University.

Understanding biological systems through the lens of classical statistical physics and soft condensed matter physics is his primary research interest. Current focus is on mechano-chemical pattern formation as relevant to morphogenetic processes in developing embryos.

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- *Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu (Ghost Town): A town destroyed in a 1964 cyclone, now a "ghost town" located at the tip of Pamban Island, close to Sri Lanka.*
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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"Please advise a solution! Father has the same problem."

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 92.76
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 124.22
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.25
1 Euro	= Rs. 108.17

VOICE OF THE READER

Fix Niveditanagar Park's uneven pavements

Sir,

I am writing to draw attention to the poor condition of pavements in the city's parks, a pressing issue affecting many residents of Niveditanagar.

As a concerned citizen, I have seen several seniors struggle to walk on the uneven and poorly maintained pathways. This has led to an increase in leg-related problems and mobility issues among the elderly.

Parks, which are meant to serve as spaces for recreation and relaxation, are turning into obstacles for those who need them the most.

The neglect of pavement maintenance is not only causing physical discomfort but is also discouraging seniors from engaging in regular walking and other forms of physical activity, further affecting their health.

I urge the authorities to prioritise the repair and proper upkeep of these pavements to ensure safe and accessible walking spaces for all citizens, especially the elderly.

Such a step would significantly improve their quality of life and reflect the community's commitment to their well-being.

— K. Swathi
Mysuru
6.4.2026

St. Philomena's College holds awareness on drug abuse

Mysuru, Apr. 9- In a strong bid to promote a healthy, addiction-free lifestyle among the youths, St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysuru, currently celebrating its Oak Jubilee Year (established in 1946) organised an "Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse" at the College premises in Bannimantap recently.

Initiated as an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) activity, the session championed the powerful message: *"Say NO to Drugs, Say YES to Life."*

The highlight was an insightful address by the distinguished Resource Person M.L. Siddesh, Sub-Inspector of N.R. Traffic Police Station, Mysuru.

Drawing on his experience in law enforcement and traffic management, Siddesh educated the students on the severe personal, legal and societal consequences of substance abuse, urging them to make responsible choices.

The awareness programme was presided over by Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector of St. Philomena's College.

College Principal Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha, Vice-Principal (Administration) Ronald Prakash Cutinha, IQAC Coordinator A. Thomas Gunaseelan and IQAC Co-Coordinator Dr. V. Deepa were present on the occasion.

Arshiya Khanum welcomed the gathering while Dr. Sandesh D' Souza proposed the vote of thanks.

SAY NO TO DRUGS, SAY YES TO LIFE: ***Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector of St. Philomena's College, administering the pledge to students in the presence of N.R. Traffic Police Station Sub-Inspector M.L. Siddesh, College Principal Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha, Vice-Principal (Administration) Ronald Prakash Cutinha and IQAC Coordinator A. Thomas Gunaseelan.***

Mahila Ratna Awards to three women achievers of city

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (DM)- As part of International Women's Day, three women achievers of city will be conferred Mahila Ratna Award (2026) by the city-based PRK Foundation, at a programme to take place at a private hotel in Chamundipuram tomorrow (Apr. 10).

The awardees are: M. Divya, who is serving as Grade-1 Secretary at Varuna Gram Panchayat; Revathi Krishnappa, President of Bhyravi Gowdathiyara Balaga and Poornima, a noted social worker, according to a press release from PRK Foundation President Ayyappa.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Vasantha Vihara' at RK Ashram

Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Yadavagiri in the city, has organised 'Vasantha Vihara', a week-long summer camp for High School students from Apr. 13 to 19. The camp will be held from 7.45 am till 1 pm on all the days. High school students (8th, 9th and 10th standard), both boys and girls, can take part. Registration for the camp can be done online via ***https://rzp.io/rzp/VV26***. For details, call Ph: 0821-2417444, according to a press release.

Jayanti celebrations

Sri Shankaracharya Jayanti will be celebrated at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Apr. 21 at 11.30 am; Sri Bhagiratha Jayanti will be celebrated at Kalamandira on Apr. 23 at 12.30 pm; Bhagawan Buddha Jayanti will be celebrated at Kalamandira on May 1 at 11.30 am, according to a press release.

Free eye camp

NJS Charitable Trust, Mysuru, in association with Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, JSS Multi-Speciality Hospital, JSS Ayurveda Hospital, JSS Dental Hospital, Bharath Cancer Hospital, Meyer Organics Limited, ICTC at Tagadur, Nanjangud taluk, have organised a free eye screening camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, Mandi Mohalla, from 9.30 am to 2 pm on Apr. 14. Also, registration for Ayushman Health Cards will be done for senior citizens aged over 60 years from 10 am to 12 noon at the venue. For registration, contact Mob: 94487-53597 or 99161-55453 or 94487-38657.

Ayurveda camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, located on Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli in city, has organised 'Dyslipidemia Treatment Camp' at its premises from Apr. 9 to 30 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on all the days. For registration and details, contact Mob: 98864-85005 or 99454-16262, according to a press release.

Story-telling

Krishnaprasad

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-927,' Kalasuruchi, Mysuru, has organised story-telling by K.N. Krishnaprasad, Senior Theatre Person and retd. English Teacher, Sadvidya High School, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on Saturday (Apr. 11) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115, according to a press release.

LPG crisis rekindles firewood kitchens

Roadside eateries occupy footpath space to set up firewood stoves

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (MK&BS)- With LPG shortage looming and the supply of commercial cylinders disrupted, several roadside eateries in the city have begun returning to the traditional method of cooking with firewood to keep their businesses running.

The disruption in LPG supply followed the war in the Middle East that began on Feb. 28, leaving many hotels and small eateries struggling to procure commercial cylinders that were earlier used for gas stoves.

Even when available, the cylinders now come at a much higher cost, making it difficult for small vendors to afford them. While some eateries have temporarily shut down, others have turned to traditional firewood stoves as a practical alternative to continue operations and earn a livelihood.

At many roadside food stalls, the footpath itself has been converted into a makeshift kitchen. Vendors cook on earthen or locally fabricated stoves fuelled by firewood.

A walk through areas such as Santhepet, Sayyaji Rao Road, Seshadri Iyer Road near the private bus stand, the KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand and other busy stretches reveals a scene reminiscent of village kitchens of the past. Men and women can be seen blowing air or fanning the embers with pieces of cardboard to keep the fire burning while preparing food.

A makeshift kitchen at Santhepet.

Naveen Kumar, who runs Sri Basaveshwara Khanavali near the private bus stand, told *Star of Mysore* that when the crisis began due to the non-availability of commercial cylinders, he had returned to his native place for about 15 days.

"Even after coming back, the situation had not improved and the supply of commercial cylinders had still not normalised. With no other option to run the eatery and earn a living, we purchased an earthen stove," he said.

The stove is now used to cook rice, curry, palya and chapatis. He added that the menu has also been reduced due to the situation. Earlier, the eatery served items such as jowar roti, holige, bajji and several other dishes, but the offerings have now been limited to suit the reduced demand.

Auto LPG supply shortage reports rumours: Govt.

'Gas stations run by private companies have been facing supply issues'

Bengaluru, Apr. 9 (KMS&VNS)- There is no shortage of auto LPG in the State and reports of a supply crisis are merely rumours, according to a press release from the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

The Department clarified that there was no need for panic, though it acknowledged the long queues witnessed at several gas stations.

"A few gas stations run by private companies may have been facing supply issues. Steps have been initiated to ensure auto LPG is supplied through Government-owned oil companies such as Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum," the release stated.

At present, the three Government-owned companies have been supplying an average of 56.67 metric tonnes of auto LPG daily. In view of the current situation, the supply has been increased to 83.58 metric tonnes.

Statistics released by the Department show steady supply of auto LPG in the State between Apr. 2 and 6. On Apr. 2, about 87.78 metric tonnes were supplied, followed by 86.05 metric tonnes on Apr. 3, 84.80 metric tonnes on Apr. 4, the highest of 94.11 metric tonnes on Apr. 5 and 83.58 metric tonnes on Apr. 6.

The State Government has appealed to autorickshaw drivers and owners not to panic over rumours and urged them to cooperate, assuring that adequate auto LPG is being supplied to gas stations.

...but KPCC claims auto LPG shortage, blames BJP

Lakshmana

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (GA&VNS)- Even as the State Government has clarified that there is no shortage of auto LPG in the State, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Spokesperson M. Lakshmana has accused the BJP of conspiring against the State Government by influencing autorickshaw drivers.

Addressing reporters at Congress Bhavan yesterday, he said the Centre was responsible for the supply of auto LPG. "Instead of blaming the Centre for its failure, BJP leaders are holding the State Government responsible," he said.

He alleged that while the auto LPG price was around Rs. 60 per kg last month, it is now being sold in the black market at about Rs. 162 per kg.

He further claimed that nearly 50 percent of hotels in Bengaluru had shut down owing to a shortage of LPG cylinders, with commercial cylinders allegedly being sold in the black market for as much as Rs. 8,000.

Justifies hike in water tariff

Lakshmana also justified the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) move to hike water tariff, stating that the issue was being politicised.

"Treated drinking water supplied to households costs only about Rs. 5 for every 1,000 litres, which works out to nearly half a paisa per litre. When this is the reality, projecting an increase of 25 percent is unfair," he said.

Stating that the water tariff had not been revised for the past 15 years, Lakshmana said the hike would generate only about Rs. 35 lakh in revenue.

"While protests are raised over a marginal increase in water tariff, no one questions the annual hike in toll charges," he said.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Congress City President R. Murthy were present at the press meet.

Ailing Zoo tiger 'Pruthvi' dies

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (PM&KS)- Pruthvi, the 13-year-old male tiger at Mysuru Zoo, which was suffering from Congenital Paresis, died yesterday.

After the health of Pruthvi began to deteriorate on Apr. 6, it was shifted to Mysuru Zoo's Chamundi Wild Animals Rescue, Rehabilitation and Conservation Breeding Centre at Koorgalli on the outskirts of city where the veterinarians began to provide treatment.

The tiger had stopped consuming food and its health began to worsen further and did not respond to the treatment and breathed its last yesterday.

This is the second tiger death in Mysuru Zoo this year. Three-year-old tigress Preethi had died of illness in January.

Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha told *Star of Mysore* that Pruthvi was suffering from birth-related illness and was being provided treatment since many years.

Obituary

Maruvanda Raghu Kariappa

Mysuru, Apr. 9 - Maruvanda Raghu Kariappa (73), a resident of No. 711/1, Mahajana Layout in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Kandanakolli village, Suntikoppa in Kodagu, he leaves behind his wife Jasmine Kariappa (Bachiraniyanda), children Nikita Bopaiah and Karthik Aiyappa and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Syed Abdul Safeer

Syed Abdul Safeer (42), a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday following a heart attack in city.

He is survived by his family members and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at 2 pm today at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

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Pink Poui saplings now line Hyder Ali Road

Environmentalists warn saplings may struggle without adequate soil area

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (MK&BCT)- More than 40 trees, each nearly 50 years old and belonging to different species, were cut down during the midnight between Apr. 12 and Apr. 13, 2025, along the stretch from Kalikamba Temple to the SP Office Circle to facilitate the widening of a 50-ft road into a 100-ft carriageway.

The move triggered strong protests from environmentalists and local green groups, who accused the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Forest Department of failing to carry out compensatory greening. Activists had demanded that saplings be planted to replace the felled trees and nurtured to maturity.

Responding to the public outcry, the MCC promised to undertake replantation and has now planted Tabebuia Rosea (Pink Poui) saplings along both sides of road and on central divider.

The stretch from SP Office Circle to Kalikamba Temple near Nexus Mall, earlier about 10 metres wide, has now been expanded to 30 metres as part of a road redevelopment project taken up in line with the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP).

To heighten visual appeal

The newly planted 122 saplings, already six to seven feet tall, are expected to grow quickly and begin flowering within three years, adding to the visual appeal of Hyder Ali Road. Tree guards supplied by Raghulal & Company have been installed to protect them from causing damage by pedestrians and animals.

Assistant Executive Engineer P.K. Mohan of MCC's Horticulture Division told *Star of Mysore* that the civic body has arranged for daily watering during the summer, with a dedicated tanker deployed for the purpose.

Officials said the Tabebuia Rosea saplings have been planted at intervals of about 15 feet to allow adequate space for growth. The species can grow up to around 20 feet in height and is known for its deep-root system.

'Pink road' in the making

Once the ongoing electrical line work along the road divider is completed, bougainvillea plants will also be added to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the stretch.

City planners envision that, in the coming years, the road from the SP Office Circle to Nexus Mall could transform into a "Pink Road," with the blooming Tabebuia trees and bougainvillaea creating a canopy of pink flowers during summer.

No soil space: Greens

However, environmentalists remain sceptical about the long-term survival of the saplings. They point out that the trees have been planted close to the pedestrian pathway, with concrete tiles laid tightly around their bases, disallowing percolation of water. Ideally, at least one square metre of open soil should be left around each trunk to ensure healthy growth. Without adequate soil space, they warn, the trees may struggle to survive in the long run.

"When planting trees along or near a footpath, it is essential to leave open soil around the trunk to ensure the tree's health. At least one square metre of unpaved space, roughly 3 ft by 3 ft, should be left around each tree," environmentalists said.

Lalitha Mahal Hotel up for 30-year lease

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Reports indicate that several companies have already submitted bids, with more expected to apply in the coming weeks. While multiple applications have reportedly been received, the exact number of bidders will be known only after the tenders are opened. Details of the financial bids will also be revealed at that stage.

PPP model

The hotel is being offered under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, with overall ownership and control remaining with the State Government.

The Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, the second-largest palace in Mysuru, was leased to the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) in 1973. In 2018, the property was handed back to the Karnataka Government, which subsequently entrusted its management to Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited.

> "Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel is not running under loss. The property continues to attract a steady flow of visitors, with foreign tourists showing particular interest. The hotel is operating smoothly without any major difficulties."
>
> — Prashanth, Managing Director, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited (JLR)

At present, Jungle Lodges continues to operate the hotel. However, the century-old structure has suffered from inadequate maintenance over the years, leaving some portions in a dilapidated condition. Parts of the building have sustained damage, with plaster peeling off in certain areas.

Rs. 50 crore restoration estimate

The Government had earlier constituted an expert committee to assess the renovation requirements and it estimated that restoration would cost Rs. 50 crore. Considering the financial burden involved, the Government decided to adopt the PPP model and lease the property for 30 years for renovation, maintenance and operation.

The company that eventually takes charge of the hotel will undertake renovation work under the supervision of the expert committee appointed by the Government. This is to ensure that the century-old palace retains its heritage character.

Lease terms: Rs. 4 crore annual payment with 10% yearly hike

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (BLU&BCT)- The tender value for leasing Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel has been fixed at Rs. 3.76 crore, with bidders required to submit an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 25 lakh.

Under the terms laid down by the Government, the private firm that wins the contract will manage and operate the hotel and pay the State an annual lease amount starting at Rs. 4 crore. The lease amount will increase by 10 percent every year.

Accordingly, the operator must pay Rs. 4 crore in the first year, Rs. 4.40 crore in the second year and Rs. 4.84 crore in the third year, with the amount continuing to rise annually at the same rate.

Only companies that agree to these financial conditions will be considered for the contract to run the hotel. The arrangement is aimed at ensuring the restoration and upkeep of the century-old heritage structure while also generating steady revenue for the State Government.

Sources said some bidders are expected to seek relaxation of certain conditions, particularly the requirement that the successful bidder must have prior experience in hotel operations.

Such requests, if made, will be examined later, and the Government will decide whether any of the conditions need to be relaxed. Officials will also scrutinise the financial strength of the applicants and their compliance with legal requirements before awarding the contract.

Order to freeze KSOU bank account

Do not arm-twist KSOU, Governor tells Govt.

Bengaluru, Apr. 9 (Agencies)- Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has written to Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, directing him to withdraw the communication dated Mar. 24, 2026, sent to a private bank instructing it to freeze the bank accounts of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU).

Gehlot

The Governor, who is also the Chancellor of all public Universities in the State, has directed the Government not to initiate any further action that could interfere with KSOU's lawful functioning.

The letter stated that any material relating to alleged irregularities at KSOU, if available, should be placed before the Chancellor for consideration in accordance with established procedures.

Compliance report

The Governor has also instructed the Government to submit a compliance report on the matter and warned that any deviation would be viewed seriously as a deliberate and conscious encroachment of statutory authority.

He further accused the Government of attempting to arm-twist the University and its Vice-Chancellor. The Governor observed that the disciplinary provisions under the KSOU Act had been bypassed in an attempt to intimidate the KSOU VC.

Stating that during his tenure as Chancellor, the State Government had not initiated action against any public University without first informing him, the Governor stressed the need for the Karnataka Government to take him into confidence before taking such decisions.

Action after RSS-linked event at KSOU

It may be recalled that the State Government had initiated steps to freeze KSOU bank accounts following the recent 'Ekatma Manav Darshan,' a three-day event organised by Prajna Pravah Karnataka in association with the RSS idealogue Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation.

The event was held at the KSOU Convocation Hall to commemorate 60 years of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's historic lectures on 'Ekatma Manav Darshan.'

The Department of Higher Education had issued a show-cause notice to KSOU VC on how the event was permitted and why the Higher Education Minister had not been invited, violating protocol.

Despite the VC explaining that the University had only rented out its premises for the event, the State Government, reportedly dissatisfied with the reply, instructed the bank to freeze the Open University's accounts.

KSOU VC reacts

Meanwhile, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa Halse said: "KSOU comes under the ambit of the Governor, who is also the Chancellor. He has questioned the State Government's directions to freeze KSOU's bank accounts. Currently, none of the University's accounts is frozen as salaries to the staff were released on Apr. 2. The Government's Order has not affected our financial status."

Unsavoury remarks on RSS

Simha equates Kharge with Pak Founder Jinnah

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (BCT)- AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's recent remark likening the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to a "poisonous snake" has triggered sharp reactions in political circles.

Simha

Kharge

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has launched a scathing attack on Kharge, accusing him of speaking in the style of Pakistan's Founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the Muslim League leader during India's independence struggle.

Addressing reporters in Mysuru on Wednesday, Simha said Kharge's comments on the RSS were uncalled for. "Listening to him, one wonders whether he is Mallikarjun Kharge or Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The words once spoken by Jinnah are now coming from Kharge's mouth. It is no surprise that people call him the Jinnah of the 21st century. Kharge today represents the same mindset within Congress that Jinnah once embodied," he said.

Simha also targeted Kharge's son and Minister Priyank Kharge, claiming that both father and son were "obsessed" with the RSS. "I thought only Priyank had this madness about the RSS. Now his father seems to have caught the same fever. Unless they criticise the RSS, they cannot digest their food," he remarked.

Retaining the AICC post

According to Simha, Kharge's statements were aimed at retaining his position as AICC President. He alleged that by likening the RSS to a poisonous snake and calling for its destruction, Kharge was attempting to incite Muslims and create communal unrest across the country.

"RSS has been nurtured by Hindus. If you call RSS a poisonous snake, you are insulting Hindus themselves. Kharge is not speaking like the President of the Congress, but like the President of the Muslim League," Simha charged.

He further referred to an incident from Kharge's family history. "The Nizam's army in Hyderabad had set fire to Kharge's mother and sister. Had he been at home, he too might have been burnt alive. Were they considered poisonous snakes then? If Muslims treated your family that way, how can you now speak in their favour?" Simha asked.

More eager than Siddaramaiah

Simha also accused Kharge of being more eager than CM Siddaramaiah to appease Muslims. "We thought Siddaramaiah would go to any extent to please Muslims, but Kharge has gone even further. Compared to him, Siddaramaiah seems moderate," he said sarcastically.

He warned that such remarks could provoke unrest. "If Muslims, after hearing Kharge's words, start pelting stones at RSS workers, what will be the state of the country? Is the Congress turning into the Muslim League?" he asked.

Demanding strict action against Kharge, Simha said such remarks were divisive and offensive to Hindus.

He also alleged that Priyank Kharge criticises the RSS regularly to safeguard his Ministerial position and nurture ambitions of becoming CM. "Now his father, Mallikarjun Kharge, himself seems to be following the same path to hold on to the AICC Presidency. This is unacceptable," Simha said.

Litterateur Bannur Raju bereaved

Mysuru, Apr. 9 - Kempamma (90), mother of litterateur and *Mysuru Mithra* columnist Bannur K. Raju, passed away on Tuesday night at her residence in Bannur. She leaves behind sons Bannur K. Raju and K. Vishakantegowda, daughters K. Shivamma, K. Saroja and K. Parvathi and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Bannur yesterday.

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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

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The Goddess Meenakshi of Madurai

We have all heard the story of Ram, a prince from North India, who went to the southern tip of India. But when was the last time you heard of a queen who travelled from Madurai in the south to Kailasa in the North to find herself a groom. That princess was called Tadaatagai, more popularly known as Meenakshi, she whose eyes are as shapely as the contours of a fish.

The Pandya king of Madurai was childless and the gods blessed him with a daughter who was born from a pit of fire. She had three breasts and it was foretold that the extra breast would disappear the day she met a man worthy of being her husband.

She was raised as in the royal arts and sciences and she succeeded her father and then decided to go on the conquest of the world. She travelled north, defeating all the kings of the world, as well as the gods and the ganas (servants of Shiva) and Nandi (mount of Shiva) and finally met her match in a young hermit who turned out to be Shiva.

When their eyes met, Meenakshi realised she was Parvati reborn. Her extra breast disappeared and she took the hermit-god, now named Sundareshwara, meaning beautiful lord, to her city of Madurai to be her husband and consort.

The temple of Madurai is one the grandest in Tamil Nadu spread over fourteen acres with twelve large gateway towers known as gopurams, the tallest being the one in the south and vast painted pillared corridors, one of which was once lined with cages full of parrots trained to chant the name of presiding goddess all day.

The current structure is less than 500 years old, built by Nayaka kings. The king asked the people of Madurai to give only a fistful of rice to feed the artisans.

Thus everyone contributed to building the temple for their legendary queen.

The older temple was attacked and plundered 700 years ago by a Muslim king called Malik Kafur according to temple lore. References to this temple are found in the poems of Sundarar composed 1,200 years ago, at a time, when worship of Shiva gradually started overshadowing the monastic Jain traditions that had flourished until then in Madurai since the time of Chandragupta Maurya. Madurai was the city where the earliest gathering of Tamil poets, known as Sangam, was held.

Historians date Sangam literature to around 2,000 years ago, but there is speculation that it is much older. There is even a theory popular amongst Tamil supremacists that Madurai is the city built in a fragrant Kadamba forest by the survivors of the ancient continent of Kumari Kandam (known to Western antediluvian enthusiasts as Lemuria) that went under the sea during the last Ice Age.

It is estimated that in the temple corridors and towers there are over 33,000 icons, each one telling a story, some from the Puranas, some from local lore, such as the tale of how Shiva turned local foxes into horses and how a stone elephant came alive lured by the scent of sugarcane.

The temple is lined with gigantic images of gods and goddesses, all kinds of mythical beasts such as the yali (lion with heads of elephants) and of common people too: warriors, dancers, musicians, performers, tribals. The one that catches the eye is that of an effeminate man and a woman sporting a beard (a cross-dresser), revealing a rich liberal and artistic culture. There is even a thousand pillared hall, which has the famous 'musical' pillars made of stone.

The main icon of Meenakshi shows her holding a parrot, symbol of Kama, god of love. She also has a small dagger on her waist band, reminding everyone who is the overlord. On the temple wall is the image of her marriage. Here, it is important to note that, it is she who receives the groom's hand, as against a conventional wedding where the groom receives the bride's hand.

Shiva's shrine, separate from Meenakshi's and smaller, is held aloft by eight life-sized elephants, indicating the devotion of Indra, king of the gods, bringer of rain.

In the month of Chitirai the marriage of Meenakshi and Sundareshwara is re-enacted in a month-long festival. Vishnu, Meenakshi's elder brother known as Alagar as per Tamil Temple lore, travels on a horse from his temple across the river Vaigai to attend the ceremony but reaches too late and so turns back irritated. To appease Vishnu, Meenakshi and her husband meets him in the middle of the river and accept his wedding gifts, but he steadfastly refuses to enter the city Madurai, thus venting the local Shaiva-Vaishnava rivalry.

There are many tales associated with the temple's legendary wealth. Like the tale of sapphire pendant of the Goddess that was sent to England so that Queen Victoria could see it; it was subsequently returned. And of the jewellery gifted to the Goddess by an Englishman called Rose Peter in the 19th century in gratitude for drawing him from a building that was subsequently struck by lightning; he asked that he be buried facing the temple. There are chains of coins that came from ancient Rome via sea-merchants and coins minted by the East India company.

Every night, the festival image (utsava murti) of Shiva travels to the private chambers of the Goddess-queen on a palanquin in a musical procession. Her priests welcome him with flowers and he is placed on a swing next to the utsava murti of Meenakshi.

The special room is full of fragrant jasmine flowers and has mirrors on the walls. Having spent all day taking care of her kingdom, she spends all night adoring her beloved. Thus is reinforced the value placed in Hindu traditions of the householder over the hermit.

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New team of Mysore Obstetrics & Gynaecological Society

Mysuru, Apr. 9- The Mysore Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society has installed its new office-bearers for the academic year 2026-2027, with a renewed focus on advancing women's healthcare and academic excellence.

The new team assumed office in the presence of senior members and distinguished guests from the medical fraternity.

Dr. A. Sonia Mandappa took charge as President, Dr. Sindhu Lakshmi Durgesh as Secretary and Dr. M.D. Rashmi as Treasurer.

The team has adopted the theme "Excellence with Empathy," emphasising both clinical excellence and compassionate, patient-centered care.

Dr. A. Sonia Mandappa** (sitting 4th from right), **who took charge as President of Mysore Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society recently, seen with Dr. Sindhu Lakshmi Durgesh - Secretary, Dr. M.D. Rashmi - Treasurer and other new office-bearers.

The Mysore Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society plans to strengthen academic programmes, promote evidence-based practice and enhance skill development in areas such as minimally invasive surgery and reproductive health. The Society will also conduct workshops, conferences and outreach programmes during the year to improve awareness and access to quality healthcare for women across communities.

31st Annual Convocation held at SDM-IMD

PGDM Degrees Awarded to 230 students

Mysuru, Apr. 9 - The 31st Annual Convocation of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) was held at the Institute's campus at the foot of Chamundi Hill in Siddarthanagar here yesterday.

Dr. Rajendra Srivastava, Novartis Professor of Marketing, Strategy and Innovation, Executive Director of the Centre for Business Innovation and Executive Fellow Programme in Management at the Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad, was the chief guest.

The gold medal awardees of SDM Institute for Management Development seen with (sitting from left) Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad, Director, SDM-IMD; D. Surendra Kumar, Vice-President, SDME-Society and Trust; Dr. Rajendra Srivastava, Novartis Professor of Marketing Strategy and Innovation, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad and Nishit Jain, Governing Board Member, SDM-IMD.

In his insightful convocation address, he emphasised the importance of leadership, stating that it must be practiced and nurtured thoughtfully.

He noted that effective leaders think positively about the future, invest their time in solving meaningful problems and are always prepared to take calculated risks.

True leadership

Dr. Srivastava elaborated on the essence of true leadership, highlighting that great leaders continuously learn and empower others to grow.

Emphasising that leaders create more leaders, not followers, he illustrated his points through examples of successful brands and companies, discussing their growth trajectories, market presence, and influence.

He further underscored the importance of leveraging technology effectively and adopting strategic planning to achieve sustained success.

D. Surendrakumar, Vice-President and Member of the Governing Board of SDM-IMD, Mysuru, presided.

Addressing the graduates, he spoke about the realities of the modern world, noting that artificial intelligence is transforming industries and that geopolitical changes continue to shape global dynamics.

He highlighted how the business landscape is being reshaped by digital transformation, sustainability concerns, and evolving global markets.

"Young India"

Encouraging the graduates, he said that the knowledge and skills acquired during their time at SDM-IMD would serve as a strong foundation. He reminded them that education is not the end of their journey but the beginning of lifelong learning.

Speaking about the aspirations of "Young India," he emphasised the need for a dynamic youth force capable of driving grassroots transformation, challenging the status quo and contributing meaningfully to society. He noted that true success lies not only in personal achievement but also in making a positive impact on the lives of others.

Chairman's message

A video message from Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, Chairman of the Governing Board of SDM-IMD, Mysuru, was presented during the ceremony. In his message, he shared his thoughts and offered guidance to the graduating students as they embark on their professional journeys.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad, Director of the Institute, presented the Annual Report, highlighting the institution's key activities and achievements for the academic year 2025-26.

Gold Medallists

A total of 230 students from PGDM batch of 2024-26 were awarded their degrees during the ceremony. Gold Medals were conferred upon students who excelled in their respective areas of specialisation by chief guest Dr. Rajendra Srivastava.

Ananya Prakash (Finance), Smriti S. Anand (Human Resources Management), Javeriya Tabassum (Marketing & Operations) and Amith M. Kamath (Systems) received gold medals for their outstanding academic performance.

In addition, two prestigious awards — Chairman's Gold Medal for overall academic excellence and Ankur Gupta Memorial Gold Medal for overall best performance — were presented to Javeriya Tabassum and Amith M. Kamath, respectively.

The convocation was attended by members of the Governing Board, students, parents, faculty and staff of SDM-IMD.

Sapient College hosts State-level Hockey Tournament

St. Joseph's University reigns supreme

Mysuru, Apr. 9- St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, emerged as winners of State-level Hockey Tournament organised by Sapient College, Mysuru, at Chamundi Vihar Stadium here recently.

Coorg Institute of Technology (CIT), Ponnampet, emerged as the runner-up of the tournament while Cauvery College, Virajpet, secured third place.

A total of 15 teams from different parts of State participated.

Officials from the University of Mysore, Hockey Mysore and Hockey Academy Bangalore officiated the matches. Vikram Uthappa provided commentary for the tournament.

Trophies and cash prizes were awarded to the winners by Sapient Education Trust Secretary Leela Prabhu Ram during the valedictory ceremony. Trust Chairman Daljeet Ram, Sapient College Dean Dr. Sujatha Bopanna, Principal Dr. K. Ganesh, Administrator Sujith Padival and PE Director K.J. Mohan Kumar were present on the occasion.

Individual Awards

Top Goal Scorer: Siddhartha Uthappa (St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru); **Best Defender:** Koushik Kariappa (Cauvery College, Gonikoppa); **Best Forward:** Shaan Devaiah (St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru); **Player of the Tournament:** Avnish Madappa (CIT, Ponnampet); **Best Goal Keeper:** Gyan Ganapathi (St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru); **Fair Play Award:** St Joseph's College, Mysuru.

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Thousands of Jains celebrate Navkar Mahamantra Divas in city

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (MK&BS)- Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO), Mysore Chapter, celebrated Vishva Navkar Mahamantra Divas at Town Hall premises in city this morning.

Thousands of people chanted the *mantra,* joining several such thousands of people who recited this *mantra* in more than 120 countries praying for world peace.

In Mysuru district, the *mantra* was chanted at 28 centres / hoblis / towns. Home Minister Amit Shah also joined the event from New Delhi. Previous year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the programme.

The chanting of *Navkar Mantra* and lighting of the lamp from distinguished guests and sponsors along with members of JITO Mysore, Ladies Wing and Youth Wing, marked the inauguration of the event.

JITO Mysore Chairman Vinod Bakliwal welcomed more than 2,500 guests, who had turned up at the venue. Sadhvi Shree Pavanprabha Aadi Thana blessed the programme with *mangal path. Navkar mantra* was recited in soulful tunes by Hardik Jain from Bhiwandi, who took everyone into a trance.

Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh President Subhashchand Darda, Secretary Budhmal Baghmar, Terapanth Sabha President Prakash Dak, Secretary Dilip Pitliya, Digambar Jain Samaj's Lakshmeesh, Sri Sumathinath Jain Sangh past President Ashok Dantewadia, Sri Sumatinath Jain Navyuvak Mandal President Jay Kumar Salecha, Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatan President Navarathan Darla, Terapanth Yuvak Parishad President Pramod Munot, Humane Touch President Vikram Salecha, Helping Hands President Mahaveer Khabiya, Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana Vice-Presidents Kushal Palrecha and Amit Chouhan took part.

Members of JITO Mysore Ramesh Nolkha, Prem Palrecha, Goutham Baghmar, Past Chairmen Praveen Dantewadis, Kantilal Chouhan, Tikam Chand, KKG Zone Convener Chandragupt Katariya, JITO Apex Convener Punit Srisimaal, Project Director Rajan Baghmar, Mahaveer Gadiya, Manohar Sankala, Prakash Gandhi, Manish Shah, Mukesh Mehta, JITO Ladies Wing Chairperson Mona Bhatewara, Rajani Dagliya, Secretary Seema Bohra, Youth Chairman Siddharth Katariya, Puneet Jugraj, members of JITO Mysore main wing, Ladies Wing and Youth Wing were also present.

Govt. Land Surveyors take out 'Chalo Mysuru' rally

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (BLU&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their long-standing demands, hundreds of Government licensed land surveyors from across the State, under the banner of Akhila Karnataka Sarkari Paravanagi Bhoo Mapakara Sangha, took out a mega 'Chalo Mysuru ' rally in the city this morning.

The rally, which commenced from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple premises at Mysore Palace North Gate, passed through Albert Victor road, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar circle (Hardinge circle), City Police Commissioner's office and Male Mahadeshwara road (Bannur road), before culminating at the Deputy Commissioner's office located in Siddarthanagar, where the protesters presented a memorandum containing their charter of demands, to the authorities.

The protesters held posters and banners that highlighted their demands and raised slogans throughout the course of the rally, urging the Government to fulfil their just demands at the earliest.

The demands chiefly included cancellation of fixed fee per case and introduction of a Pay-scale , job security, equal wages for equal work, statutory benefits such as PF, allowances, Health Insurance, Retirement Honorarium etc., cancellation of notification calling for fresh appointment of Land Surveyors and an end to License system with regularisation of all Licensed surveyors (LS) as Government Surveyors (GS), among others.

Akhila Karnataka Sarkari Paravanagi Bhoo Mapakara Sangha, Mysuru District President Thirumalegowda, Vice-President Prasanna Kumar, office-bearers K.P. Bhargava, S.K. Siddaraju, M. Dwarakeesh, L. Kodandaramu, G.S. Natesh Prabhu and others were present.

Murder cracked using sign language

(Continued from page 1)

Savitha was taken to AIISH, where the Police questioned her with the help of faculty members who interpreted her sign language.

Based on the information obtained, the Police took Srinivas and Gangadhar into custody. Investigators then discovered that the accused also were speech and hearing impaired. They were also brought to AIISH, where faculty members interpreted their sign language during interrogation.

Motive and murder

Police learnt that Swamy and Savitha were in love and had married. Savitha later came in contact with Srinivas and the two communicated through video calls. Srinivas reportedly developed feelings for Savitha and began helping her financially.

Later, Swamy came to know about Srinivas through Savitha. Srinivas also lent money to Swamy. However, Srinivas allegedly began to see Swamy as an obstacle between him and Savitha and feared he would not recover the money he had lent. He then hatched a plan to eliminate Swamy. On Feb. 12, Srinivas called Swamy to Amruthur in Kunigal taluk on the pretext of giving him money. When Swamy arrived, Srinivas made him consume liquor and later called his friends Gangadhar and another person, both of whom are also speech and hearing impaired.

The group then took Swamy to an agricultural field at Hosapura village in Kunigal taluk. After having food, the three allegedly assaulted Swamy, hitting him on the neck and killing him. They later tied a boulder to the body and dumped it in a nearby well.

Body recovered

The Police later took the accused, along with an interpreter, to Hosapura village. The accused pointed out the well where the body had been dumped. The Police then retrieved the body from the well. Swamy's mother identified the dead body.

Investigators also seized a motorcycle and mobile phones belonging to the accused. The arrested persons were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi, Additional SPs C. Mallik and L. Nagesh and Nanjangud Sub-Division Dy.SP G.S. Raghu supervised the investigation carried out by Nanjangud Rural Inspector S. Anand, Sub-Inspector Nagaraju, Assistant Sub-Inspector K. Mahesh and staff B.S. Rajugowda, B. Suresh, D. Devaraju, P. Venkatesh, Rekha, P. Anil, R.R. Ganesh, H.L. Susheel Kumar and P.B. Suresh.

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Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	9 am, 1.30 pm, 6 pm
	(S-4)	12.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	(S-4)	5.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru - Part 2 (K)	(S-2)	10 am
Nannu Karunakara (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 am
Biker (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 7.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Leader (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	(S-3)	4 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Dhurandar - The Revenge (K)	(S-1)	11 am
	(S-3)	3 pm, 7.30 pm
Dhurandar - The Revenge (H)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 5.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Kaalidasa 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	3.20 pm
Biker (Te)	(S-1)	6.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm
		4 pm, 6.45 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 1 pm, 5.45 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	4.45 pm, 10 pm
Biker (Te)	:	9.45 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.05 am, 1.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
The Drama (E)	:	10.40 am, 11.30 am
		5,40 pm, 10.20 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	:	11 am, 1 pm, 8.05 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.55 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm
Leader (2026) (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Ready or Not 2: Here I Come (E)	:	1.05 pm, 3.15 pm
Kaalidas 2 (Ta)	:	7.15 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 1 pm, 5.45 pm
		10 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	9 am, 4.10 pm
Biker (Te)	:	10 am, 6.40 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 1.20 pm
		7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	:	12.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Kaalidas 2 (Ta)	:	12.45 pm
Naanu Karunakara (K)	:	3.40 pm

Veena concert at Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Apr. 9- Ganabharathi has organised a veena recital by distinguished musician Vidu. Mysore S. Rajalakshmi in memory of late legendary Veena musician S. Balachandar at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar on Apr. 10 at 6 pm.

Vidu. Rajalakshmi

She will be accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata.

Profile: Vidu. Mysore S. Rajalakshmi is the daughter of Rajamma and violin maestro Vid. P. Shamanna. She began her musical journey under the guidance of her father and later achieved mastery over veena under the tutelage of *Ganakalabhushana* M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar.

She earned distinction by performing in South Zone programme at the age of 23. An 'A-Top' grade artiste, she served AIR for 36 years. During her tenure, she earned widespread acclaim for directing unique ensembles such as Panchaveena, Saptaweena and Veenashraya.

She has been a regular performer at prestigious events including Vaggeyakara Divas, Swathi Tirunal Festival and Radio Sangeetha Sammelans.

With over a thousand concerts to her credit, she has been honoured with numerous prestigious titles, including Nadayogini, Sur Mani (Mumbai), Ganakala Suvarna (from Ganakala Parishat) and Karnataka Kalashri (from Karnataka Sangeeta Nrityа Academy). She is also notable for her appearance in the film 'Upasane,' directed by the legendary Puttanna Kanagal.

Currently, she continues to propagate Mysore Veena tradition by mentoring students, preparing them for competitive exams and professional concerts.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 9)

VISCOM, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus: Cinerama 2026 - 8th National-level Short Film Festival, Valedictory & Award Ceremony - Actor Narain chief guest, Amriteshwari Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, **4 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru: Swami Paramahamsanandaji delivers a talk on 'Sri Ramakrishnara Shishyaru mattu Bhaktaru' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru: 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Shayanothsava, Devaranama & Shastriya Sangeetha by Vidu. Archana Sirsi & Party, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 10)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**

Kannada Department, Sri Nataraja Women's Residential First Grade College, Sri Hosmutt: G.S. Shivarudrappa's (GSS) Birth Centenary Celebrations, GSS Kavya Sambhrama, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, critic Prof. O.L. Nagabhushna Swamy inaugurates, Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, College Principal Dr. M. Sharada and Kannada Dept. Head Dr. G. Prasada Murthy will be present, Kavya Vaachana by students, Sri Nataraja Auditorium, **10.30 am.**

Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust: Releasing of the book 'Travel Tales and Close Encounters' — Anthology of personal essays edited by Maithili Rao and Rinki Roy Bhattacharya, retired Superintending Archaeological Chemist S. Subbaraman releases the book, Dr. Nalini Chandar interacts, Trust Founder-President Shubha Sanjay Urs presides, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **5 pm.**

BSS Vidyodaya: Bhagini Sangeethotsava - 2026, Vocal recital by Vidu. Dr. G. Baby Sreeram from Chennai, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Padmja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS Vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Veena recital by Vidu. Mysore S. Rajalakshmi, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru: 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Olagudi Utsava, Harikatha by Harikatha Vidwan Dr. Malini, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

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		5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	1.25 pm
Biker (Te)	:	10.05 am, 6.10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.45 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E)	:	4.25 pm, 10 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	4.35 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 1 pm, 5.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	9.45 am, 4.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.10 pm, 4.45 pm, 7.20 pm
Premi (K)	:	11.45 am
Aparichithe (K)	:	2.20 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	:	2.30 pm
Biker (Te)	:	4 pm, 10.10 pm
Psychic (K)	:	7.45 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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